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RED SNAPPER RECREATIONAL SEASON CLOSES AT 12:01 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 1, 2002

This is to remind interested parties that the Gulf of Mexico red snapper recreational season closes at 12:01 a.m., local time, November 1, 2002, when the recreational quota of 4.47 million pounds (MP) is projected to be caught. The recreational fishery will reopen at 12:01 a.m., local time, April 21, 2003, with a 4.47 MP quota, a 16-inch minimum size limit and a four-fish bag limit that includes captain and crew of for-hire vessels. During a closure, the bag and possession limit for red snapper in or from Gulf of Mexico Federal waters is zero.

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